

Afton, USA

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at
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I'm sure that the Aftons across America join us in thanking you for your pivotal support of this "community" project.

Sincerely,

The Afton USA Team

Afton, USA

Preface

This project was conceived with two purposes: as a survey of all the Aftons in the United States, and as an exercise in planning and following through on a long-term group project. Like all such projects, we are proud of our accomplishments and mindful of our shortcomings. The experience gained has left us with a taste for larger challenges, but it has also demonstrated the ongoing daily challenge we encounter of working with each other towards common goals.

Our success hinged not only on our own resolve and organization, but on the enthusiasm of neighbors across the country. To our friends in Texas, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Wyoming who managed to receive, respond, and return our unsolicited challenge in only ten days, we salute you! Opening your surveys in our class was like reading freshly found manuscripts. We commented that at those moments, we may have been the definitive experts in all of New York State on your particular towns...and if we could be experts on that, what other topics might yield first hand information?

Part of the incentive to complete this project involved making something permanent; the idea that twenty years from now, our work might still stand. We request, therefore, that you include our book in your school library. Some of us hope to visit you someday, now that we know you are out there and we would very much like to be able to step into your library, look up "Afton USA," and find ourselves there on the shelf next to you and you and you.

D. DeVona
Afton, NY
November 1994

Afton, USA

About what follows:

The body of this book contains surveys, photographs, and essays supplied by students at each of the various locales. It is our hope that this first-hand information might provide a "snapshot" of each community for the purpose of comparing how we are similar and how we are unique. If it leads to further correspondence between us, then the legacy of our work will be even more than we anticipated!

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Addresses

Once AFTON,USA located Aftons in the atlas, we found their zip codes in the directory and wrote to the Postmasters at those zip codes requesting that they forward the address of schools serving that area. We supplied SASE for their responses. We received eight responses, six of them in time to include in our photo/survey plans.

OKLAHOMA:

Mr. Randy Gardiner, Superintendent
Afton High School
Afton, Oklahoma, 74331

VIRGINIA:

Dr. Lewis, Superintendent
Nelson County Schools
Lovingston, Virginia, 22949

IOWA:

Richard Turner, Superintendent
East Union Community School
P.O. Box 97
Afton, Iowa 50830-9998

MICHIGAN:

Mr. Ronald Berg, Superintendent
Inland Lakes Schools
S. Straits Hwy.
Indian River, Michigan 49749

MINNESOTA:

Dr. David Wettergren, Superintendent
Stillwater Area Public Schools
1875 Greeley Street
Stillwater, Minnesota 55082

WYOMING:

Dr. Allen Lowe, Superintendent
Lincoln County School District #2
Box 219
Afton, Wyoming 83110-0219

TEXAS:

Lee Clayton, Superintendent
Patton Springs ISD
Box 32
Afton, Texas 79220-0032

WISCONSIN:

Janesville School District
527 S. Franklin
Janesville, Wisconsin 53545

NEW YORK:

Vernice Church, Superintendent
Afton Central School
18 Sand Street
Afton, New York 13730

TENNESSEE: ZIP/37616

NEW MEXICO:

Afton, USA

COST OF LIVING / QUALITY OF LIFE: Afton, Minnesota (State)

1) How much do the following items cost in Afton?

- a) gallon of 2% milk \$ _____
- b) gallon of unleaded gas \$ _____
- c) 16 oz. loaf of white bread \$ _____
- d) 2 liter bottle of Coca-Cola \$ _____

2) What is the school tax in Afton? \$ _____ per \$1000 assessment.

3) What is the sales tax in Afton? 6 1/2 %

4) How much does a fishing license cost? \$ \$14.00

5) Does Afton have: (Circle choices)

- a) a public library
- ☒ b) a public swimming area
- ☒ c) a public park
- ☒ d) a public playground
- ☒ e) a town museum

6) How many miles from Afton are the nearest following places?

- a) hospital 5 miles Hudson WI
- b) state park 0 miles located in Afton
- c) national park/monument 0 miles Seneca road in Afton
- d) metropolitan area 15 miles (Name: St. Paul)

7) Does Afton celebrate any annual events (fairs, rodeos, parades, chili cook-offs, etc.), please list and explain: 4 of July
parade, grill. Booya- childrens activity celebrates
fall, May Day celebration Tenk run Hurner Society

8) Please list civic and service organizations found in Afton
(Rotary, Girl/Boy Scouts, VFW Posts, etc.) Girl/Boy Scouts
4 H, Campfire, Jay Lee, YMCA

9) Tell us about art, music, and drama events in Afton: chitacawa
music and plays Art in the park
Aft Fair

Minnesota

Afton, USA

SETTING / HISTORY: Afton, Minnesota (State)

- 1) What is the population of Afton? 2500
- 2) What is the elevation of Afton? _____
- 3) What is the most distinguishing geographic feature of Afton? St Croix River
- 4) What is the average temperature in Afton in both July and January?
July _____, January _____
- 5) What was Afton's most recent natural disaster? Flood in 1965 and 1993
- 6) When was Afton founded? _____
- 7) What are some of the significant events in Afton's history? The flood that killed livestock and crops
- 8) Do you have a town historian? _____ (Y/N) What is his/her name and address: _____
- 9) How old is the oldest building in town? _____
- 10) What religions are represented in Afton by places of worship? Catholic, Methodist, Lutheran
- 11) How many Afton citizens have given their lives in the following wars?
 - a) Civil War _____
 - b) World War I _____
 - c) World War II _____
 - d) Korean War _____
 - e) Vietnam War _____
 - f) Persian Gulf _____
- 12) Tell us about Afton's most distinguished citizen(s): _____

Afton, USA

EDUCATION / COMMERCE: Afton, Minnesota (State)

- 1) How many students in the school system that serves Afton? 9000
- 2) How many students in the average graduating class? 600
- 3) What percentage of graduating seniors:
 - a) attend college _____ %
 - b) enlist in the military _____ %
- 4) What was your school's average SAT scores for 1993?
Verbal _____ Math _____
- 5) List some high school elective courses: Art, Theater,
Debate band Orchestra
- 6) List the colleges/universities within 30 miles of Afton: University of Minnesota
- 7) How many businesses are there in Afton? 15-20
- 8) How many businesses employ over 20 people? _____
- 9) What is the chief agricultural product of Afton (dairy, grain, beef, etc.)? _____
- 10) Assign a percentage (totaling 100%) to how people in Afton earn a living:
 - a) _____ agriculture
 - b) _____ retail sales
 - c) _____ manufacturing
 - d) _____ services
 - e) _____ professionals
- 11) Is there a Wal-Mart within 30 miles of Afton? Yes (Y/N)
How far? _____ miles
- 12) Name the single most important issue that effects the economic health of Afton: (Examples: weather/crops, or defense budget/local industry) _____

Minnesota

Afton, USA

THE SURVEY: Please complete this survey using the most reliable resources you can find. Remember, we are looking for information about Afton in particular.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Afton, Minnesota (State)

1) How is the electricity used in Afton generated?

- a) nuclear
- b) hydroelectric
- ☒ c) coal burning
- d) other _____

2) Please indicate the distance to the following passenger transportation terminals from Afton:

- | | | |
|-------------------|-----------|-------|
| a) airport | <u>28</u> | miles |
| b) train | <u>25</u> | miles |
| c) interstate bus | <u>15</u> | miles |
| d) park and ride | <u>4</u> | miles |

3) What is the name (number) of the nearest two-lane Interstate Highway? 94

How many miles away from Afton is the junction with this highway?
4 miles

4) Where does your town drinking water come from in Afton?

- a) reservoir (Name: _____)
- b) river/lake (Name: _____)
- c) spring
- ☒ d) well

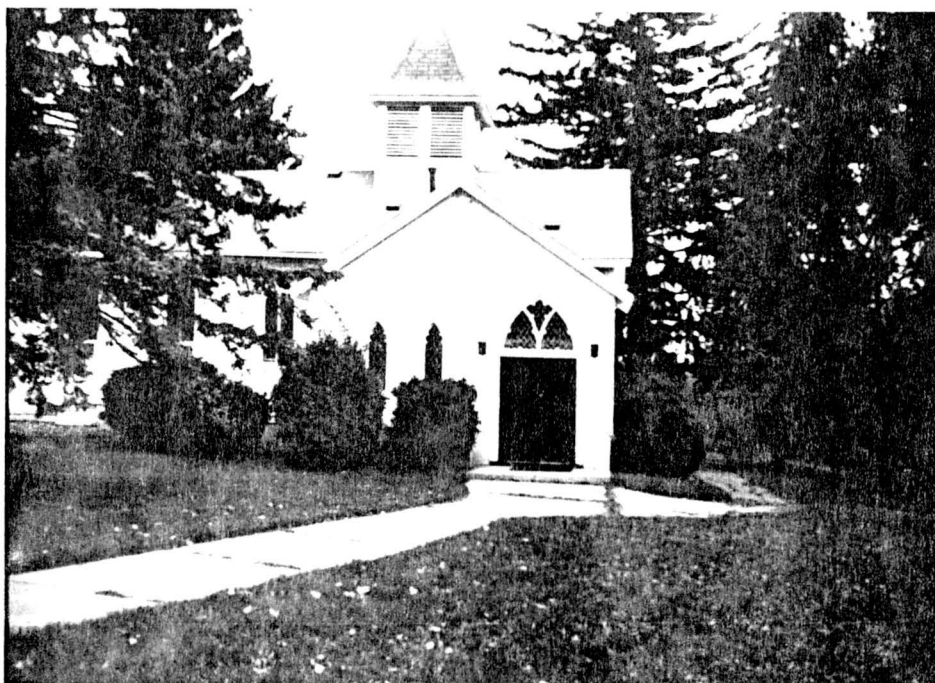
5) Does Afton have a sewer system? NO (Y/N)

6) Swinging a five-mile arc from the center of Afton, what is the percentage of paved roads to unpaved roads within that circle?

(Example: 60/40 or 10/90) 10/90

7) Does Afton have cable television? NO (Y/N)

Minnesota



MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 14th Ave. N. & 10th St. S. S. 55100 S. 55100 S.



Shops in the Historical Village



Barber Shop where the local news is heard



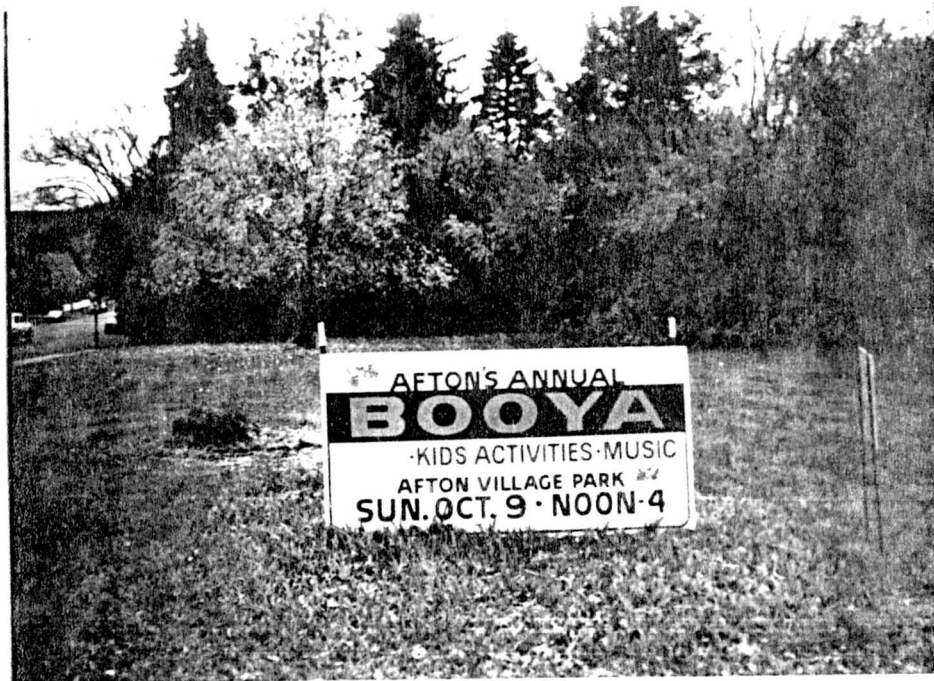


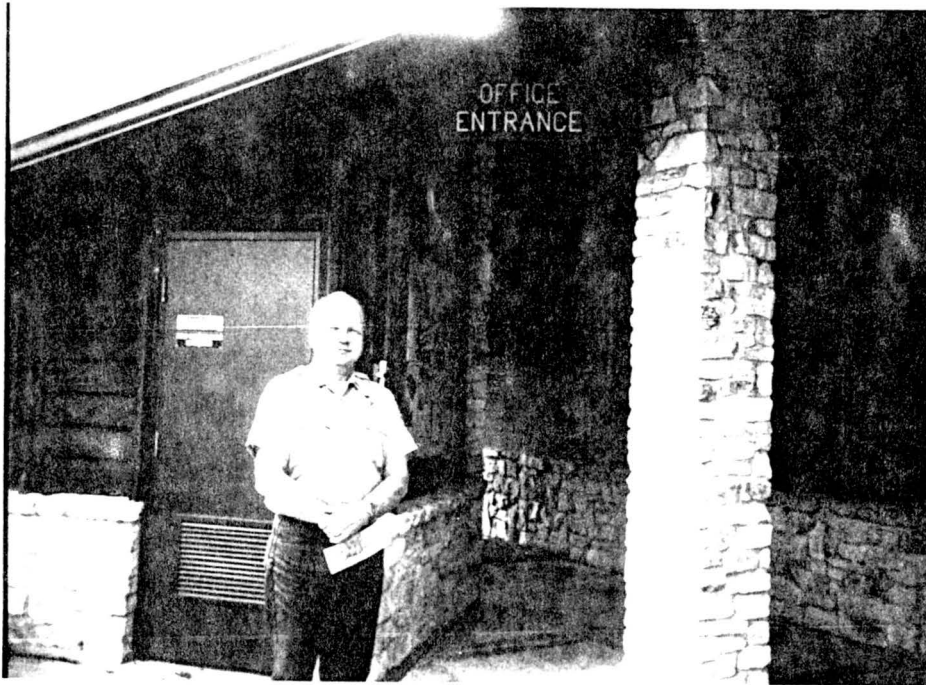
Afton Toy Shop one of the fun places to browse for young and old



Afton Village City Park

Minnesota





— Dr. Edgar A. Mearns, 1904 —



— View from the Mearns Laboratory, 1904 —







SQUIRE HOUSE & GARDENS, FARMERS



THE HOUSE & ICE CREAM PARLOR. The mark above the window is where the road bridge
is the ST. LOUIS RIVER.

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LOOKING NORTH FROM THE LAKE AT THE MOUNTAINS



VIEW FROM THE LAKE AT THE AFTON ALPS



Docking area on the St. Croix river

Afton, USA

COST OF LIVING / QUALITY OF LIFE: Afton, New York (State)

1) How much do the following items cost in Afton?

- a) gallon of 2% milk \$ 2.34
- b) gallon of unleaded gas \$ 1.21
- c) 16 oz. loaf of white bread \$ 1.00
- d) 2 liter bottle of Coca-Cola \$ 1.79

2) What is the school tax in Afton? \$ 18.00 per \$1000 assessment.

3) What is the sales tax in Afton? 7 %

4) How much does a fishing license cost? \$ 14.00

5) Does Afton have: (Circle choices)

- ☒ a) a public library
- ☐ b) a public swimming area
- ☒ c) a public park
- ☒ d) a public playground
- ☒ e) a town museum

6) How many miles from Afton are the nearest following places?

- a) hospital 14 miles Sidney
- b) state park 14 miles Caleca
- c) national park/monument 25 miles Upper Delaware
- d) metropolitan area 35 miles (Name: Binghamton)

7) Does Afton celebrate any annual events (fairs, rodeos, parades, chili cook-offs, etc.), please list and explain:

Afton Fair - July Afton ART Show - August Memorial Day Parade - May Christmas Lighting Ceremony

8) Please list civic and service organizations found in Afton (Rotary, Girl/Boy Scouts, VFW Posts, etc.)

Grange Boy Scouts
Girl Scouts Sertoma Historical Society Parent Teacher Organization 4-H Club

9) Tell us about art, music, and drama events in Afton:

Annual Jazz Concert in July Art Show Each August
Drama Twice / yr. at High School

New York

Afton, USA

SETTING / HISTORY: Afton, New York (State)

- 1) What is the population of Afton? 2092
- 2) What is the elevation of Afton? 1000 Ft.
- 3) What is the most distinguishing geographic feature of Afton? Susquehanna River Valley
- 4) What is the average temperature in Afton in both July and January?
July _____, January _____
- 5) What was Afton's most recent natural disaster? Blizzard of 1984
- 6) When was Afton founded? 1786
- 7) What are some of the significant events in Afton's history? _____

- 8) Do you have a town historian? Y (Y/N) What is his/her name
and address: Charles Decker, River Road, Afton NY 13730
- 9) How old is the oldest building in town? _____
- 10) What religions are represented in Afton by places of worship?
Episcopal, Catholic, Methodist, Baptist, Christian Assembly
- 11) How many Afton citizens have given their lives in the following wars?
 - a) Civil War _____
 - b) World War I _____
 - c) World War II _____
 - d) Korean War _____
 - e) Vietnam War _____
 - f) Persian Gulf _____
- 12) Tell us about Afton's most distinguished citizen(s): 1882-1964
Carlton J. Hayes, Ambassador to Spain in WWII,
Author: Modern and Contemporary Ecological History (1999)

New York

Afton, USA

THE SURVEY: Please complete this survey using the most reliable resources you can find. Remember, we are looking for information about Afton in particular.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Afton, New York (State)

1) How is the electricity used in Afton generated?

- a) nuclear
- b) hydroelectric
- ☒ c) coal burning
- d) other wood fires

2) Please indicate the distance to the following passenger transportation terminals from Afton:

- | | | |
|-------------------|-----------|-------|
| a) airport | <u>12</u> | miles |
| b) train | <u>72</u> | miles |
| c) interstate bus | <u>25</u> | miles |
| d) park and ride | <u>1</u> | miles |

3) What is the name (number) of the nearest two-lane Interstate Highway? Interstate 88

How many miles away from Afton is the junction with this highway?
.5 miles

4) Where does your town-drinking water come from in Afton?

- a) resevoir (Name: _____)
- b) river/lake (Name: _____)
- ☒ c) spring
- d) well

5) Does Afton have a sewer system? N (Y/N)

6) Swinging a five-mile arc from the center of Afton, what is the percentage of paved roads to unpaved roads within that circle?

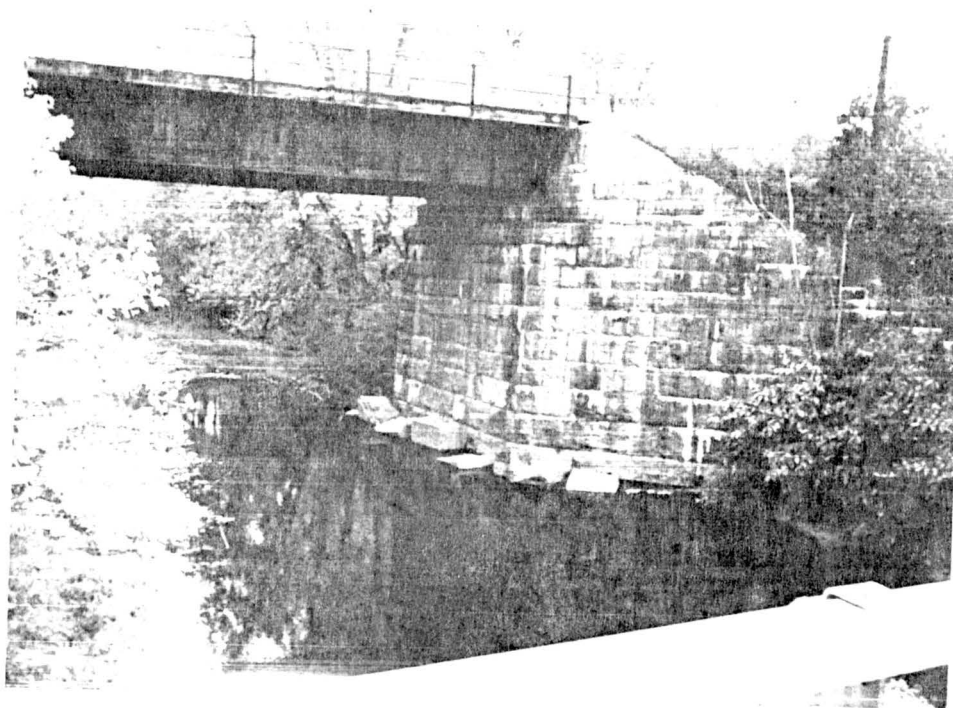
(Example: 60/40 or 10/90) 60/40

7) Does Afton have cable television? Y (Y/N)

New York



New York



River Road, former railroad station

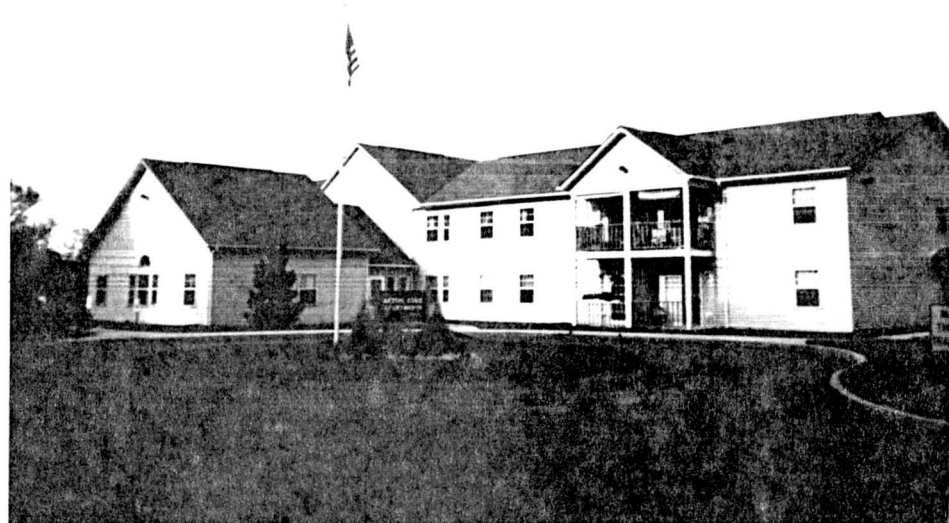


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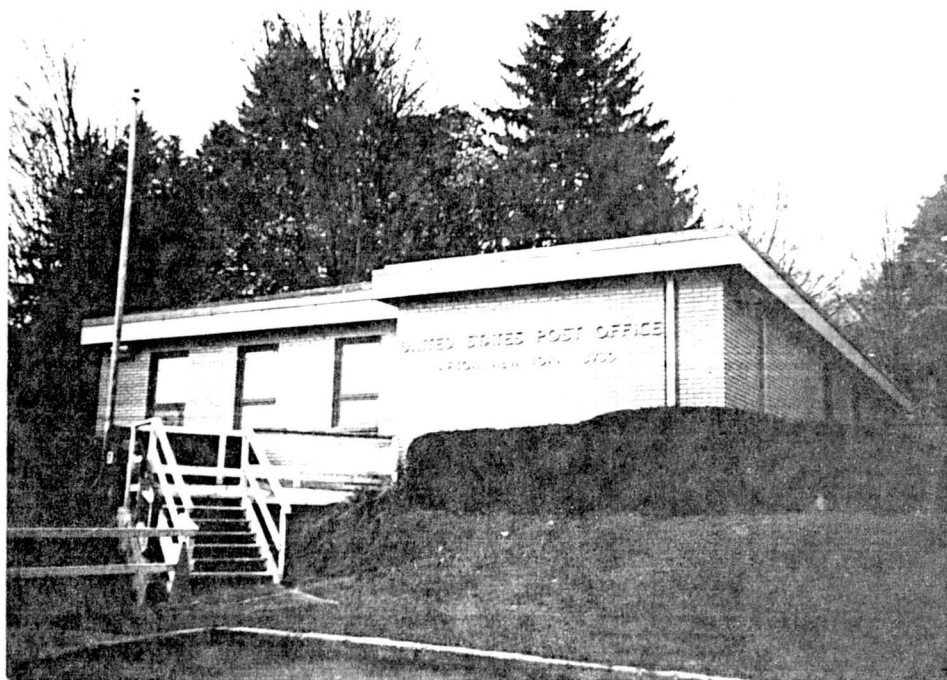


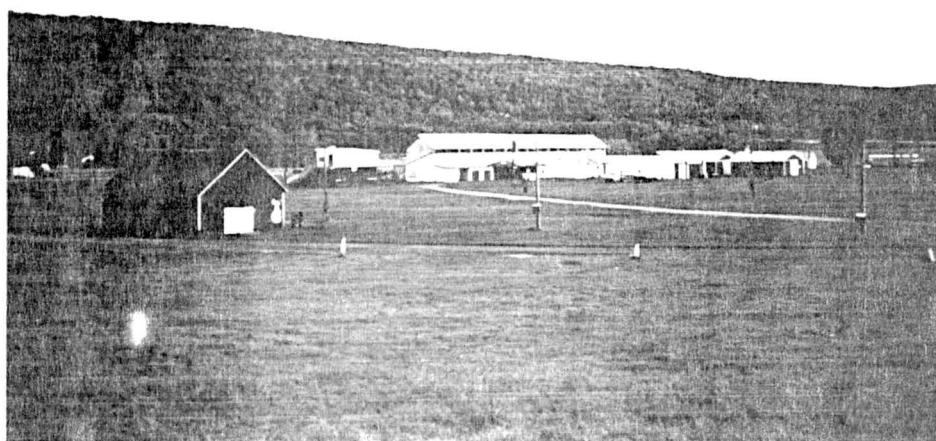
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New York

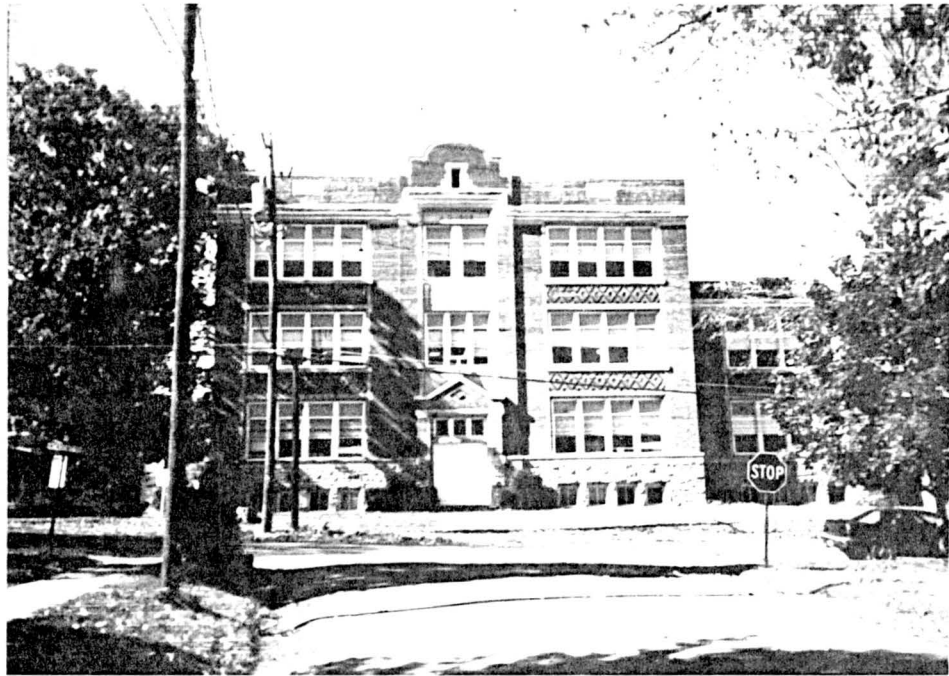


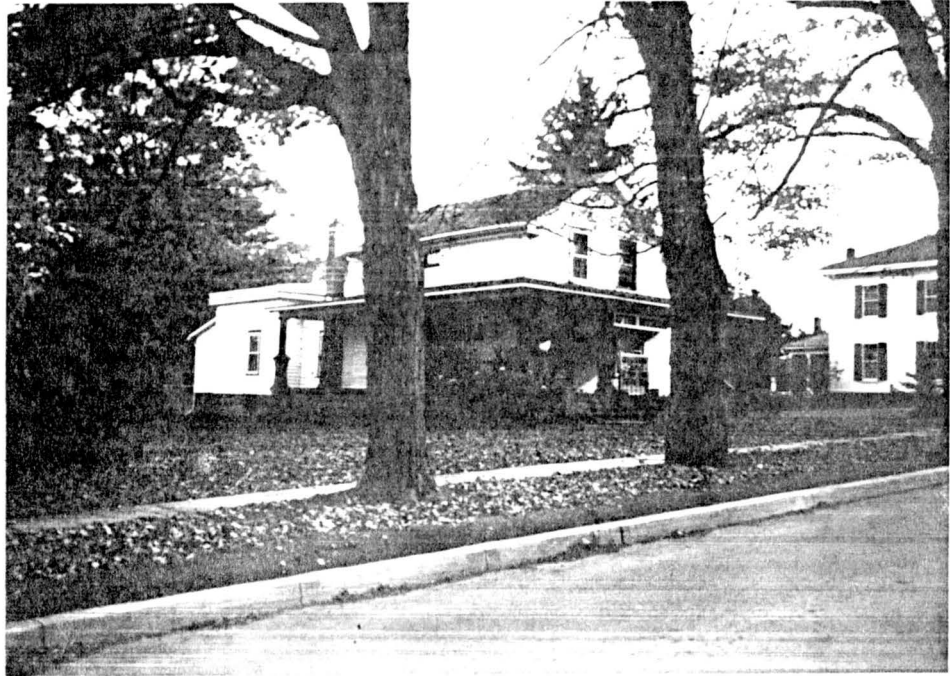
Senior citizen housing unit Rt 7













Feed mill



Fire Department

New York

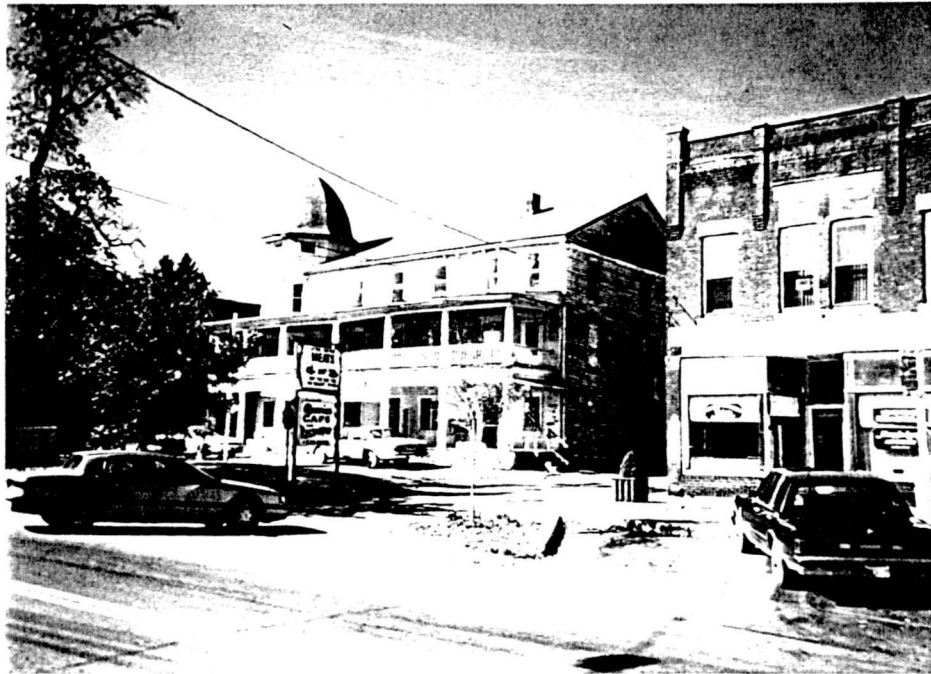


The rt. 41 bridge over the river



Afton lake

New York



The former Arton Inn.



The former creamery, now a small business.

New York



Universalist Church



Universalist/Presbyterian Church, circa 1819.

New York

Coventry

Coventry is a small town with about 200 people, cars can go 45 miles per hour in town. It has two stores in it. One of the stores is called the Corner Store. It sells candy, food, and toys. The other store is called BE. This store sells ice cream. In town the houses are 50 ft apart. Coventry has one church the church is a Methodist. We don't have any fairs in Coventry, but we do have two fairs that we can go to in summer which are six or seven miles away. We don't have a pool here either, but we do have one in Bainbridge. Where I live in the fall the view is great because you can see perfectly rounded mountains with all different colored trees.

Nineveh

Nineveh is about 4 miles out of Afton, NY. It contains 1 small convenient store which is very old. In this town there is a small auto-body shop that has also been there for a very long time. There is not much in Nineveh. If heavy shopping is needed, then the people would have to drive to a small distance to Harpursville. The children either go to Afton school or Harpursville. Nineveh mainly contains houses. The nearest hospital is about 12 miles away in Sidney.

New York

Deposit

Deposit is a small town south of Afton, and near Binghamton. In Deposit during the summer time they have some fun things to do, like on the fourth of July the firefighters will let off fireworks, and in August they have the lumberjack festival or the fair, and then after the fair is closed down the last night they will also let off fireworks.

Some of the fun things to do in Deposit, besides going to the fair would be going to the fair grounds to play football or baseball. There is also a Wendys that you can go out to eat at. In Deposit there aren't very many restaurants only two or three of them. Deposit is a quiet town, but other than the fairs and the fireworks Deposit could get kind of boring.

Afton

Afton is in the southern part of Chenango county on Interstate 88. It is a small town of about 1700 people. There are about 45 businesses in just the town. There are two different highways in the community; route 41, route 7. In the town, there are 5 restaurants, 1 grocery store, and 2 gas stations. We have 4 parks, including the play ground. The Susquehanna river runs through Afton next to the train tracks. This year we celebrated the completion of the new elementary wing of our school. The high schoolers moved into the old elementary school. The nearest hospital is around 12 miles away. Binghamton is 25 miles away on Interstate 88.

Afton, USA

COST OF LIVING / QUALITY OF LIFE: Afton, Texas (State)

1) How much do the following items cost in Afton?

- a) gallon of 2% milk \$ —
- b) gallon of unleaded gas \$ 1.23
- c) 16 oz. loaf of white bread \$ —
- d) 2 liter bottle of Coca-Cola \$ —

2) What is the school tax in Afton? \$ 1.4278 per \$1000 assessment.

3) What is the sales tax in Afton? 7.25%

4) How much does a fishing license cost? \$ #13.00

5) Does Afton have: (Circle choices)

- a) a public library
- b) a public swimming area
- c) a public park
- d) a public playground
- e) a town museum

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the school playground
a swimming pool is loca
is 20 miles away - also at
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6) How many miles from Afton are the nearest following places?

- a) hospital 3 miles
- b) state park 56 miles
- c) national park/monument 158 miles
- d) metropolitan area 75 miles (Name: Coprock Canyon. Quitag)

Alibater

7) Does Afton celebrate any annual events (fairs, rodeos, parades, chili cook-offs, etc.), please list and explain: Old Settlers held
the last Thursday in August in Raring Springs, Fall
festival in October Homecoming every other year.

8) Please list civic and service organizations found in Afton
(Rotary, Girl/Boy Scouts, VFW Posts, etc.) 4-H - FFA -
FHA

9) Tell us about art, music, and drama events in Afton: local
Program during Fall festival

Texas

Afton, USA

THE SURVEY: Please complete this survey using the most reliable resources you can find. Remember, we are looking for information about Afton in particular.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Afton, Texas (State)

1) How is the electricity used in Afton generated?

- a) nuclear
- b) hydroelectric
- ☒ c) coal burning
- d) other Recycled From

2) Please indicate the distance to the following passenger transportation terminals from Afton:

- a) airport 75 Lubbock Texas miles
- b) train _____ miles
- c) interstate bus 12 Dickens Tx miles
- d) park and ride _____ miles

3) What is the name (number) of the nearest two-lane Interstate Highway? I 27

How many miles away from Afton is the junction with this highway?
75 miles

4) Where does your town drinking-water come from in Afton?

- a) resevoir (Name: _____)
- b) river/lake (Name: _____)
- c) spring
- ☒ d) well Residents use bottled water

5) Does Afton have a sewer system? No (Y/N) Septic Tank are used

6) Swinging a five-mile arc from the center of Afton, what is the percentage of paved roads to unpaved roads within that circle?

(Example: 60/40 or 10/90) Only 1 paved road goes thru Afton hwy 139 the rest are county dirt roads

7) Does Afton have cable television? NO (Y/N)

Texas

Afton, USA

EDUCATION / COMMERCE: Afton, Texas (State)

- 1) How many students in the school system that serves Afton? 110
- 2) How many students in the average graduating class? 8
- 3) What percentage of graduating seniors
 - a) attend college 30 %
 - b) enlist in the military 22 %
- 4) What was your school's average SAT scores for 1993?
Verbal 352.75 Math 407.40
- 5) List some high school elective courses: Home economics, ROC, Agricultural, Art, and Spanish.
- 6) List the colleges/universities within 30 miles of Afton: none - but Texas
- 7) How many businesses are there in Afton? 2
- 8) How many businesses employ over 20 people? 1
- 9) What is the chief agricultural product of Afton (dairy, grain, beef, etc.)? Beef and Cotton
- 10) Assign a percentage (totaling 100%) to how people in Afton earn a living:
 - a) 60% agriculture
 - b) 0 retail sales
 - c) 0 manufacturing
 - d) 20% services
 - e) 20% professionals
- 11) Is there a Wal-Mart within 30 miles of Afton? NO (Y/N)
How far? 25 miles Lubbock, Texas
- 12) Name the single most important issue that effects the economic health of Afton: (Examples: weather/crops, or defense budget/local industry) weather/crops, cattle prices

Texas

Afton, USA

SETTING / HISTORY: Afton, Texas (State)

- 1) What is the population of Afton? 80 Pop in 1991
- 2) What is the elevation of Afton? UNKNOWN
- 3) What is the most distinguishing geographic feature of Afton? Afton is located the Caprock Llano Estacado
- 4) What is the average temperature in Afton in both July and January? July 95°, January 54°
- 5) What was Afton's most recent natural disaster? Drought
- 6) When was Afton founded? 1888
- 7) What are some of the significant events in Afton's history? Rodeo - 3 stores - picture show -
- 8) Do you have a town historian? Yes (Y/N) What is his/her name and address: Mr. John Stokes, Pauline Bateman
- 9) How old is the oldest building in town? School
- 10) What religions are represented in Afton by places of worship? Baptis - The Afton Baptist Church
- 11) How many Afton citizens have given their lives in the following wars?

a) Civil War	<u>7</u>
b) World War I	<u>7</u>
c) World War II	<u>11</u>
d) Korean War	<u>7</u>
e) Vietnam War	<u>7</u>
f) Persian Gulf	<u>0</u>
- 12) Tell us about Afton's most distinguished citizen(s): There are many people that are important people in the Afton Community

Texas

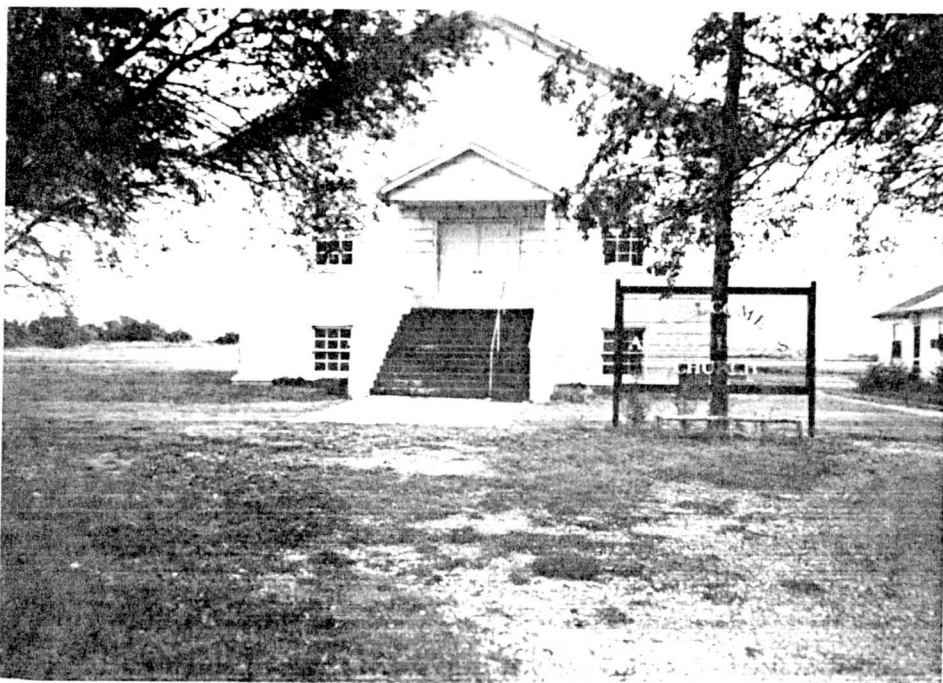


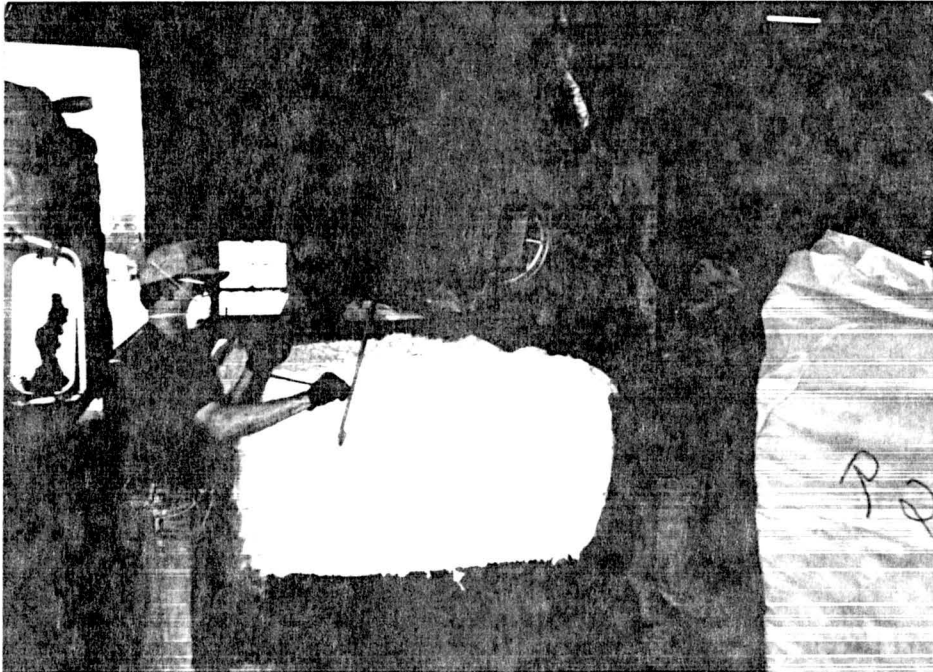
(202) Farmer Jerry and his wife as he goes to field to pick wheat



Manager of Union Coop store Mike Smith standing at cotton trailer this is the

Texas





View of tunnel as it is being driven, with prospect of progress

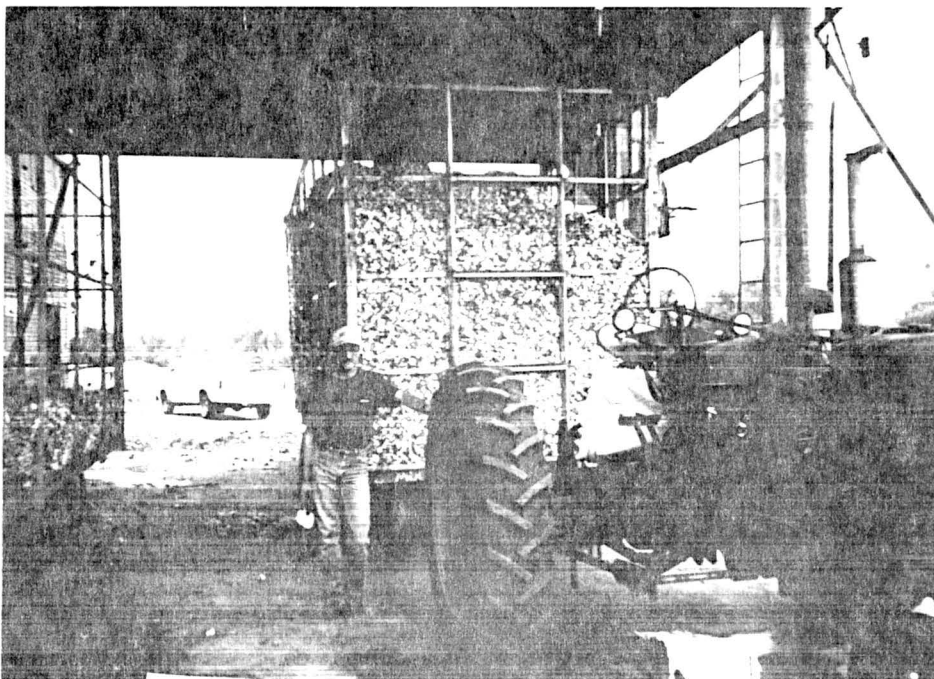




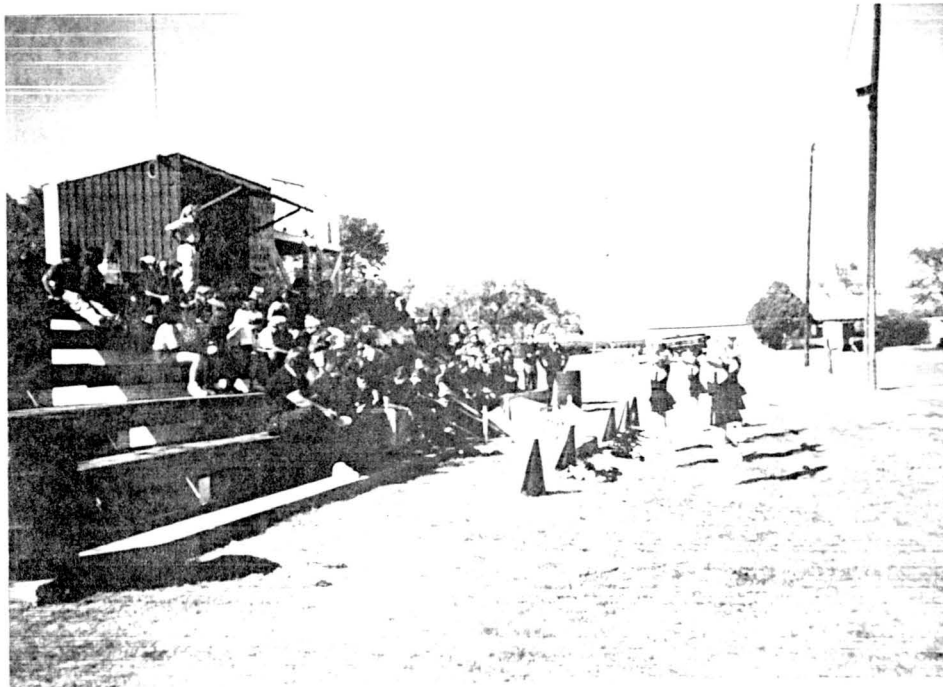
Fig. 1. Erosion of the soil on the hillside.







THE GIRLS OF THE YEAR



Texas



Patton Springs School, Patton, Tenn.



Patton Springs sign, Patton, Tenn.

Patton Springs sign, Patton, Tenn.

Texas

Afton, USA

COST OF LIVING / QUALITY OF LIFE: Afton, Wyoming (State)

1) How much do the following items cost in Afton?

- a) gallon of 2% milk \$ 1.99
- b) gallon of unleaded gas \$ 1.18
- c) 16 oz. loaf of white bread \$ 1.69
- d) 2 liter bottle of Coca-Cola \$ 1.98

2) What is the school tax in Afton? \$ _____ per \$1000 assessment.

3) What is the sales tax in Afton? 5 %

4) How much does a fishing license cost? \$ 7.00 + a ^{5.00} conservation

5) Does Afton have: (Circle choices)

- ☒ a) a public library
- ☒ b) a public swimming area
- ☒ c) a public park
- ☒ d) a public playground
- ☒ e) a town museum

6) How many miles from Afton are the nearest following places?

- a) hospital 0 miles
- b) state park 140 miles
- c) national park/monument 80 miles
- d) metropolitan area 200 miles (Name: Salt Lake City)

7) Does Afton celebrate any annual events (fairs, rodeos, parades, chili cook-offs, etc.), please list and explain: rodeo, fairs
music festival

8) Please list civic and service organizations found in Afton (Rotary, Girl/Boy Scouts, VFW Posts, etc.) Rotary, Boy Scouts,
girl scouts.

9) Tell us about art, music, and drama events in Afton: organized
locally by an arts council.

Afton, USA

SETTING / HISTORY: Afton, Wyoming (State)

- 1) What is the population of Afton? 1428 (1990)
- 2) What is the elevation of Afton? _____
- 3) What is the most distinguishing geographic feature of Afton? The mountains and the Intermittent spring
- 4) What is the average temperature in Afton in both July and January?
July _____, January _____
- 5) What was Afton's most recent natural disaster? 5.9 Earthquake
Feb 4, 1994 2:15 am
- 6) When was Afton founded? 1880
- 7) What are some of the significant events in Afton's history? _____
The killing of Butch Cassidy in the 1880
- 8) Do you have a town historian? Y (Y/N) What is his/her name and address: Forest Kennington Afton, Wyoming 83110
- 9) How old is the oldest building in town? _____
- 10) What religions are represented in Afton by places of worship?
LDS, Mormon Baptist Church, Catholic, Jehovah's witness, Church of Christ.
- 11) How many Afton citizens have given their lives in the following wars?

a) Civil War	<u>0</u>
b) World War I	<u>6</u>
c) World War II	<u>11</u>
d) Korean War	<u>0</u>
e) Vietnam War	<u>5</u>
f) Persian Gulf	<u>0</u>
- 12) Tell us about Afton's most distinguished citizen(s): _____
Butch Cassidy (Robert Leroy Parker)

Afton, USA

EDUCATION / COMMERCE: Afton, Wyoming (State)

- 1) How many students in the school system that serves Afton? 2719
- 2) How many students in the average graduating class? 170
- 3) What percentage of graduating seniors
 - a) attend college 70 %
 - b) enlist in the military N/A %
Act
- 4) What was your school's average SAT scores for 1993?
Verbal _____ Math _____
- 5) List some high school elective courses: Band, Shop, Chorus
Orchestra, Art, Computers, P.E., American Studies, Spanish, Home Ec.
- 6) List the colleges/universities within 30 miles of Afton: _____
(Western Wyoming C.C., Outreach programs only.)
- 7) How many businesses are there in Afton? 20+
- 8) How many businesses employ over 20 people? 11
- 9) What is the chief agricultural product of Afton (dairy, grain, beef, etc.)? Beef Production
- 10) Assign a percentage (totaling 100%) to how people in Afton earn a living:
 - a) 50 agriculture
 - b) 10 retail sales
 - c) 15 manufacturing
 - d) 15 services
 - e) 10 professionals
- 11) Is there a Wal-Mart within 30 miles of Afton? N (Y/N)
How far? 110 miles
- 12) Name the single most important issue that effects the economic health of Afton: (Examples: weather/crops, or defense budget/local industry) Past: Weather Present: Tourism

Afton, USA

THE SURVEY: Please complete this survey using the most reliable resources you can find. Remember, we are looking for information about Afton in particular.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Afton, Wyoming (State)

1) How is the electricity used in Afton generated?

- a) nuclear
- ☒ b) hydroelectric
- c) coal burning
- d) other _____

2) Please indicate the distance to the following passenger transportation terminals from Afton:

- | | | |
|-------------------|------------|-------|
| a) airport | <u>80</u> | miles |
| b) train | <u>120</u> | miles |
| c) interstate bus | <u>120</u> | miles |
| d) park and ride | <u>200</u> | miles |

3) What is the name (number) of the nearest two-lane Interstate Highway? I-80

How many miles away from Afton is the junction with this highway?
20 miles

4) Where does your town drinking water come from in Afton?

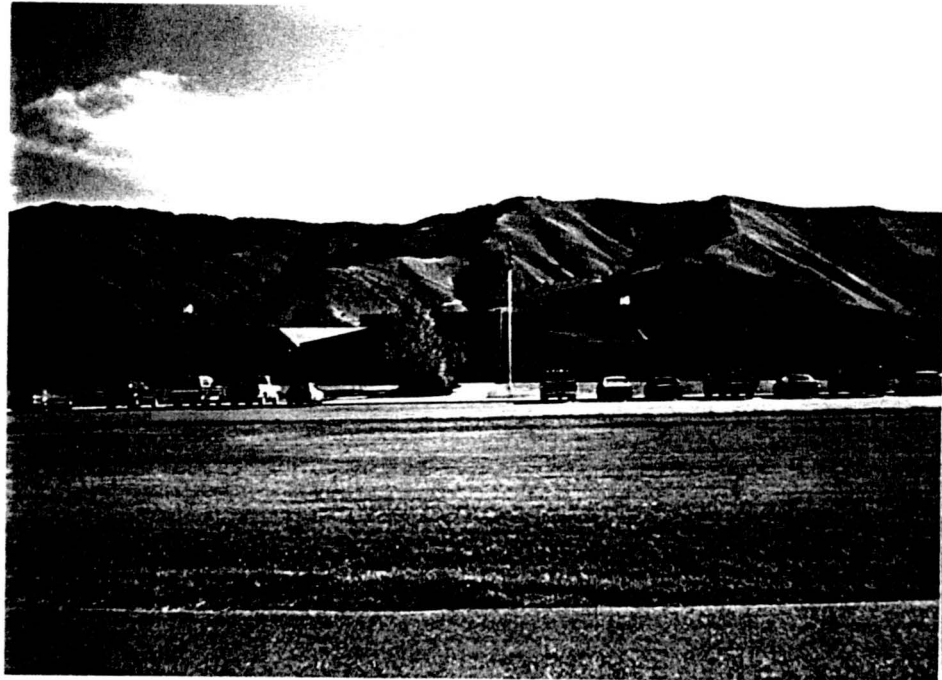
- a) reservoir (Name: _____)
- b) river/lake (Name: _____)
- ☒ c) spring
- d) well

5) Does Afton have a sewer system? Yes (Y/N)

6) Swinging a five-mile arc from the center of Afton, what is the percentage of paved roads to unpaved roads within that circle?

(Example: 60/40 or 10/90) 40 paved / 60 unpaved

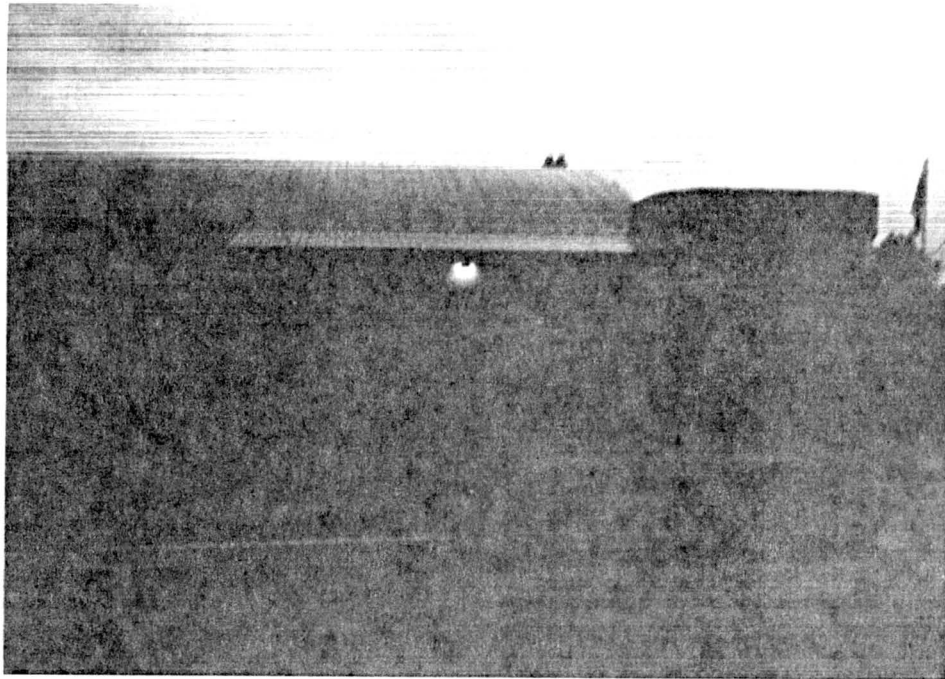
7) Does Afton have cable television? Yes (Y/N)



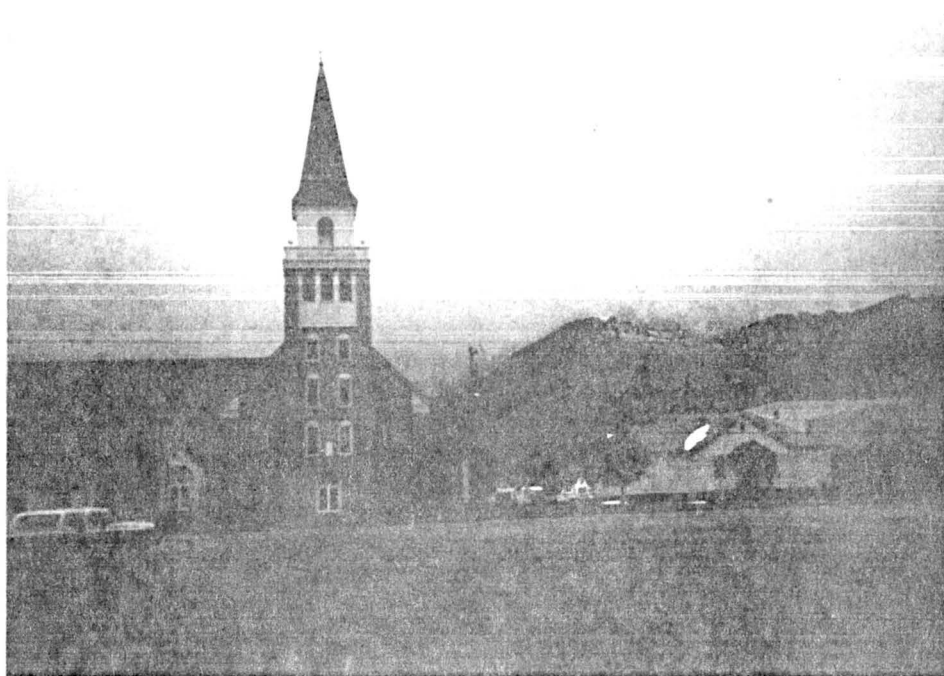
Various views from around the school.

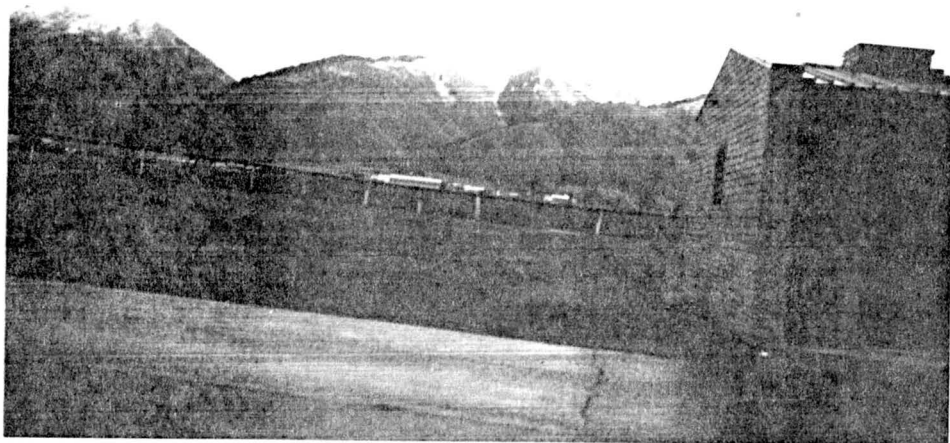


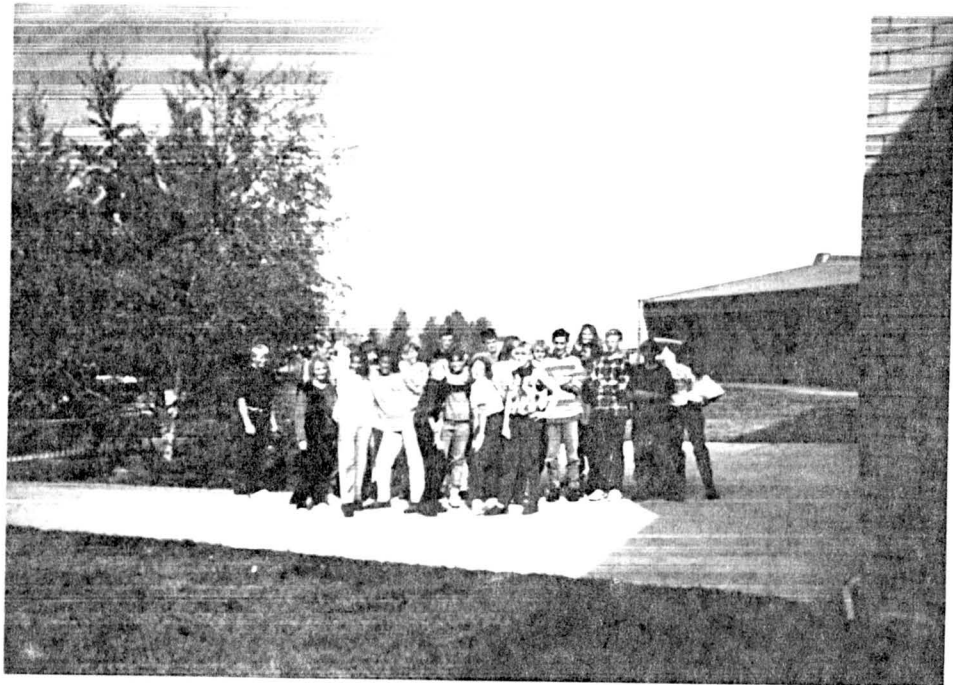
Looking South from the Jr. High



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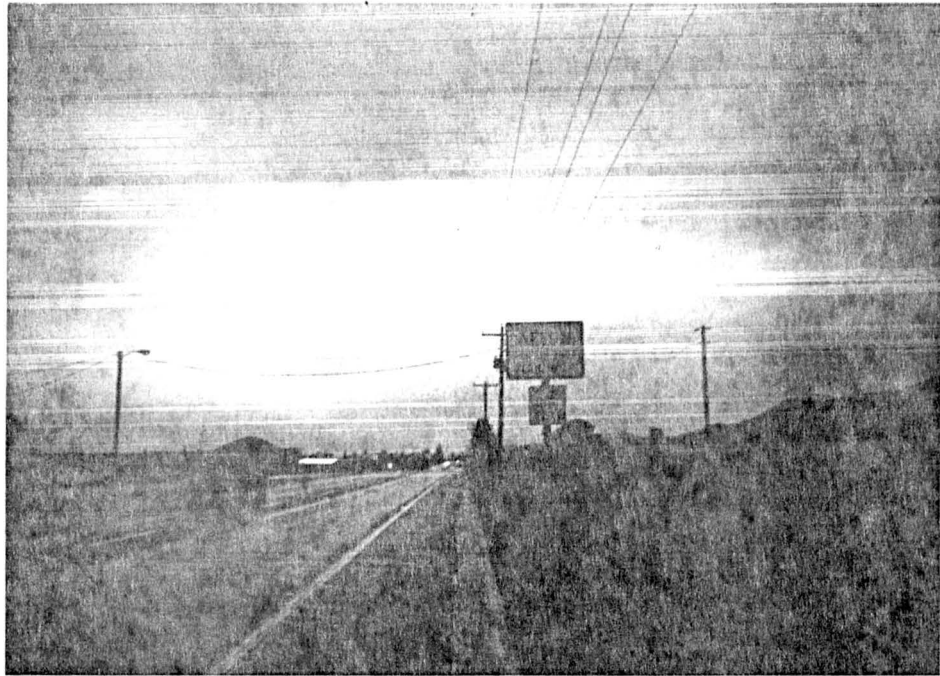




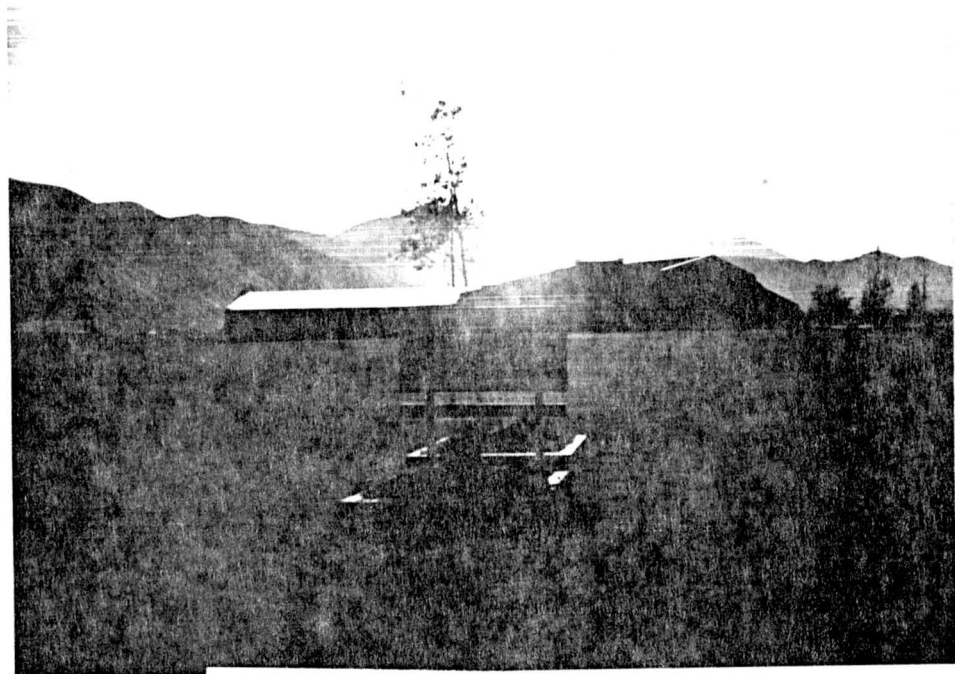
Students posing for a group photo outdoors.



Students posing in front of the Junior High School building.



Population and elevation.



Entrance to Star Valley Jr. High



South Mountains



South East end of Star Valley 12 miles South East of Afton



monument to early citizen.



Elkorn Arch in the middle of town



Various views from around the school



Various views from around the school



North end of Star Valley 13 miles north of Afton



Bison taken from the home of a student



more Bison

Thayne

Thayne, Wyoming is a town about 15 miles north of Arton. There are about 250 people and the elevation is just under 6000 feet. Thine has an elementary school but students 7th and up must attend the junior high or high school in Arton. Right in the town of Thayne we have a city hall, a volunteer fire department convenience store, a post office, and a cheese factory. That's about it though. We probably wouldn't have much if we weren't an hour and a half away from the yellowstone and Grand Teton National parks. Aside from that, Thayne is one of the most boring places on Earth.

SMOOT

The community of Smoot has a population of about 550. The elevation is 6,619.

We have one general store with a post office in it. We have a cemetery. We have a Baptist Church which used to be a LDS Church. We have a park with a ball diamond, (which is the biggest in Star Valley).

The Salt River runs through our town which is always flowing, the Cottonwood creek also runs through our town but it is usually dry.

At one time Smoot used to be called Belview but was changed to Cottonwood. Later it was then changed to Smoot

Wyoming

Afton

Afton is the main center of the hole Star Valley. The valley is about sixty miles long. Afton is one to one and a half miles long. Afton has a bank a library, two main grocery stores, three convenient stores (Maverick, 7-eleven, and Highway Market), a police station, a Town Hall, about six restaurants, and various other businesses. It also has the only theater in the entire valley! It plays the same movie every day for a week. The main religion in Afton is LDS, but there are also a Baptist church and a catholic church. The population is around 1,428 and the elevation is about 6,200. The high school for the entire valley is in Afton. We have to bus people from as far as 45 miles away and some people from ranches in Idaho. About 90% of the school is from out of town. We have a cemetery, a Graveyard Canyon, also Swift Creek Canyon.

Wyoming

Fairview

Fairview has a population of about 150 people. It stretches of about 2 square miles. It got its name from the early settlers who stood up on a hill, and thought it had a fair view so they named it Fairview. It has its own post-office that sells candy. Fairview is located west of Afton where the Jr. High is. It has two creeks coming down from the mountains. One is called Spring Creek where Jenna and I live, the other one is called Crow Creek. Fairview is very pretty in the fall. All the trees turn bright yellow and orange. Winter is also very pretty.

Etna

Etna is a small town that has about 200 people. Being very rural it is amazing that there is a school, a store, and a restaurant/inn in the town

Etna is centered around an LDS church. LDS settlers were the first to live there. Bishop Carl Cook named Etna "because it was short and easy to pronounce. The elevation of Etna is near 5850 feet above sea level. Etna is part of the lower valley because of its elevation. Etna is further north than any other town in Star Valley except Alpine.

Wyoming

Afton, USA

THE SURVEY: Please complete this survey using the most reliable resources you can find. Remember, we are looking for information about Afton in particular.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Afton, Wisconsin (State)

1) How is the electricity used in Afton generated?

- a) nuclear
- b) hydroelectric
- ☒ c) coal burning
- d) other _____

2) Please indicate the distance to the following passenger transportation terminals from Afton:

- | | | |
|-------------------|----------|-------|
| a) airport | <u>3</u> | miles |
| b) train | <u>7</u> | miles |
| c) interstate bus | <u>6</u> | miles |
| d) park and ride | <u>-</u> | miles |

3) What is the name (number) of the nearest two-lane Interstate Highway? I-90

How many miles away from Afton is the junction with this highway?
7 miles

4) Where does your town drinking water come from in Afton?

- a) resevoir (Name: _____)
- b) river/lake (Name: _____)
- ☒ c) spring
- ☒ d) well

5) Does Afton have a sewer system? NO (Y/N)

6) Swinging a five-mile arc from the center of Afton, what is the percentage of paved roads to unpaved roads within that circle?

(Example: 60/40 or 10/90) 100%

7) Does Afton have cable television? Yes (Y/N)

Wisconsin

Afton, USA

COST OF LIVING / QUALITY OF LIFE: Afton, Wisconsin (State)

1) How much do the following items cost in Afton?

- a) gallon of 2% milk \$ _____
- b) gallon of unleaded gas \$ _____
- c) 16 oz. loaf of white bread \$ _____
- d) 2 liter bottle of Coca-Cola \$ _____

2) What is the school tax in Afton? \$ _____ per \$1000 assessment.

3) What is the sales tax in Afton? 5 %

4) How much does a fishing license cost? \$ _____

5) Does Afton have: (Circle choices)

- a) a public library
- b) a public swimming area
- ☒ c) a public park - nearby Township Park
- d) a public playground
- e) a town museum

6) How many miles from Afton are the nearest following places?

- a) hospital 7 miles
- b) state park - miles
- c) national park/monument - miles
- d) metropolitan area 6 miles (Name: Janesville)

7) Does Afton celebrate any annual events (fairs, rodeos, parades, chili cook-offs, etc.), please list and explain: Citizen
celebrate these events in Beloit or Janesville

8) Please list civic and service organizations found in Afton (Rotary, Girl/Boy Scouts, VFW Posts, etc.) Citizens are
members of these organizations in Janesville or Beloit

9) Tell us about art, music, and drama events in Afton: Same as
above

Wisconsin

Afton, USA

EDUCATION / COMMERCE: Afton, Wisconsin (State)

- 1) How many students in the school system that serves Afton? _____
- 2) How many students in the average graduating class? _____
- 3) What percentage of graduating seniors
 - a) attend college _____ %
 - b) enlist in the military _____ %
- 4) What was your school's average SAT scores for 1993?
Verbal _____ Math _____
- 5) List some high school elective courses: _____
- 6) List the colleges/universities within 30 miles of Afton: Beloit College, Un. of Wisconsin Extension - Rock Co. in Janesville, Un. of Wisconsin - Whitewater
- 7) How many businesses are there in Afton? Lumber Co. + Grain Co., Antique Store + tavern
- 8) How many businesses employ over 20 people? _____
- 9) What is the chief agricultural product of Afton (dairy, grain, beef, etc.)? Corn, Grain, and Dairy
- 10) Assign a percentage (totaling 100%) to how people in Afton earn a living:
 - a) 15% agriculture
 - b) 15% retail sales
 - c) 35% manufacturing
 - d) 15% services
 - e) _____ professionals
- 11) Is there a Wal-Mart withing 30 miles of Afton? Yes (Y/N)
How far? 10 miles
- 12) Name the single most important issue that effects the economic health of Afton: (Examples: weather/crops, or defense budget/local industry) Weather/Crops for farmers + Grain Co. Local Industrys for those employed with businesses in Janesville Beloit

Wisconsin

Afton, USA

SETTING / HISTORY: Afton, Wisconsin (State)

- 1) What is the population of Afton? 300
- 2) What is the elevation of Afton? 776 ft. Above sea level
- 3) What is the most distinguishing geographic feature of Afton? Farm land near Rock River, but on Bass creek.
- 4) What is the average temperature in Afton in both July and January?
July 72.9°F , January 18.9°F
- 5) What was Afton's most recent natural disaster? _____
- 6) When was Afton founded? 1854
- 7) What are some of the significant events in Afton's history? _____
Nothing usually - just a small town 1/2 way between
Janesville and Beloit - each town 6 miles away.
- 8) Do you have a town historian? NO (Y/N) What is his/her name
and address: _____
- 9) How old is the oldest building in town? 100 yrs. Old
- 10) What religions are represented in Afton by places of worship?
Afton community church only church in town
- 11) How many Afton citizens have given their lives in the following
wars?
 - a) Civil War _____
 - b) World War I _____
 - c) World War II 2
 - d) Korean War _____
 - e) Vietnam War _____
 - f) Persian Gulf _____
- 12) Tell us about Afton's most distinguished citizen(s): _____

Wisconsin



Antoon antique store and Post office.



Antoon community church.

Wisconsin



ST. ANTON COMMUNITY.

Wisconsin



W. Rock River

Wisconsin



TOWN HALL.



ROCK RIVER FLOWS NEAR TO RICHMOND.

Wisconsin



2. Looking West at Bass Creek.

(View through Arbor)



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3. Looking East into Bass Creek.